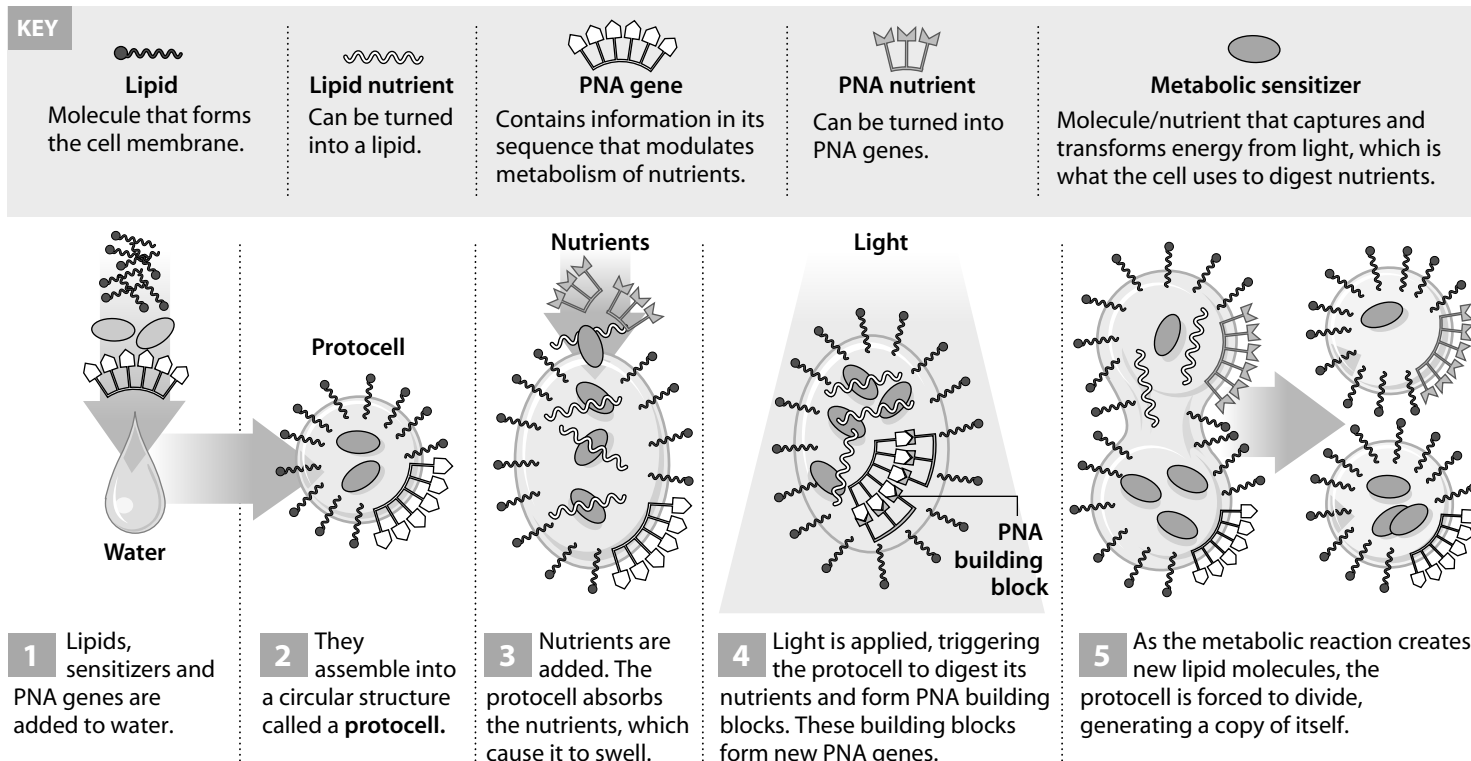


How an artificial cell could be created

Scientists at Los Alamos and Argonne National Laboratories have devised an experimental process to create and reproduce artificial cells that could eventually be used to make self-repairing materials, among other things.



Note: Individual processes have been demonstrated at the laboratories, but not as a whole life cycle.

Sources: Steen Rasmussen, Los Alamos National Laboratory; Argonne National Laboratory

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